

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Roll-style fabric awnings, so-called “roll awnings,” are commonly provided on recreational vehicles. Such awnings generally consist of a rotating spindle having a sheet of awning fabric attached and wound onto the spindle. The spindle is mounted along the top edge of an outside wall of a recreational vehicle. The awning is kept fully rolled up on the spindle while the vehicle is configured for traveling. The awning can then be extended by unrolling the fabric from the spindle and supporting its free end with a suitable support pole, bracket or other mechanism. One or more torsion assemblies are often provided in order to assist in the retraction of the awning, as well as to keep it ~~taught with~~ taut while extended.

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] A problem ~~associate~~ associated with roll awnings ~~its is~~ is that, despite ~~their the~~ the usual downward slope, ~~they the roll awnings~~ the roll awnings tend to accumulate rainwater and debris. Thus, when the awning fabric is wound back onto the spindle, some of the rainwater and/or debris may be inadvertently wound into the roll. In order to prevent this, wipers or scrapers can be provided that clean the awning fabric as it is wound onto the spindle.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] The enclosure 12 further comprises a pair of end caps 20 covering the ends of the cover 18. The end caps 20 are secured to a rigid bracket 21 serving as a mounting structure, which can in turn be secured to a supporting structure, such as a wall of a recreational vehicle ~~50~~ 52 (FIG. 6), or a building. Other suitable mounting structures can be used in place of the bracket

21. Further, the mounting structure could be made integral or otherwise incorporated into the end caps 20.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] As best shown in FIG. 2, the enclosure 12 surrounds a roll assembly 22. The roll assembly comprises a roller tube or spindle 24, a retraction assembly 26 and a post 30. The ~~comprising~~ a roller tube or spindle 24 is connected to ~~a~~ the retraction assembly 26. The retraction assembly 26 comprises a pair of torsion springs 28 (shown schematically) resiliently connecting ~~a~~ the post 30 located at the end of the retraction assembly 26 to the spindle 24. Each end of the ~~posts~~ post 30 is fixedly pinned or otherwise attached to a respective one of the end caps 20. Thus, the spindle 24 is torsionally biased by the retraction assembly 26. The awning fabric 14 is fixedly attached to the spindle 24 by way of a first rod 32 that cooperates with a complementary longitudinal groove 34 in the spindle 24. The awning fabric 14 is wound onto the spindle 24 in an equilibrium state of the torsion spring 28. As a distal or free end 36 of the awning fabric 14 is pulled away from the roll assembly 22 by an operator, the torsional force of the torsion spring 28 acts as an opposing force, keeping the awning fabric 14 ~~taught~~ taut and biased to a retracted or fully wound position. When the operator releases the awning fabric 14, it is automatically wound back onto the spindle 24. Alternatively, other means of retracting the awning fabric 14 could be used in place of the retraction assembly 26, such as a hand operated crank or a motor.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The tube portion 18 of the enclosure 12 is journaled or ~~rotatable~~ rotatably coupled to the roll assembly 22 by a pair of pivot covers 40. The pivot covers 40 are generally disc-shaped members, each being carried on one of the posts 30 inserted through a central hole 42 in the pivot cover 40, such that the pivot covers 40 may freely pivot or rotate about the posts 30. The pivot covers 40 are fixedly attached to the cover 18 at each of its ends, supporting the cover 18 while allowing it to rotate freely about the roll assembly 22. As shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, when the free end 36 of the awning fabric 14 is at least partially ~~extend~~ extended through the aperture 16 away from the roll assembly 22, vertical displacement of the free end 36 causes the tube portion 18 of the enclosure 12 to rotate correspondingly. Thus, the aperture 16 follows the free end 36 of the awning fabric as it is moved up or down. The aperture 16 is thereby automatically aligned with the pitch of the free end 36 of the awning fabric 14, which is generally tangential to the rolled portion of the fabric 14. As the awning fabric 14 retracts into the enclosure 12, a top edge 44 of the aperture 16, acting as a sweep member, pushes or sweeps away any debris and/or liquid which may have accumulated on the awning fabric 14. Since the aperture 16 need only be large enough to accommodate the awning fabric 14, the interior of the enclosed roll awning assembly 10 is kept relatively free of debris and other contaminants.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] As shown in FIG. 6, the enclosed roll awning assembly 10 can be also used to provide an awning on a wall 50 of a recreational vehicle 52. A pair of arms 54 pivotally attached to the wall 50 of the vehicle 52 support the awning fabric 14 at its free end ~~46~~ 36. As the arms 54 are extended or pivoted outwardly, the awning fabric 14 is automatically extended while the

aperture 16 follows the pull of the fabric 14. Likewise, as the arms 54 are retracted or pivoted inwardly, the awning fabric 14 is automatically wound onto the spindle 24 while the aperture 16 follows the pull of the fabric 14.